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SUBJ: BIO-DATA FONSEC RABASA

FOR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING BIO-DATA ON MEXICAN FONSEC TO MRS. LOUISE WEINER (TEL: 404-266-8953) WHO HAS REQUESTED BACKGROUND FOR USE IN PREPARING INTRODUCTION OF FONSEC AT ART EXHIBITION APRIL 22.

2. "THE SECRETARY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS OF THE UNITED MEXICAN STATES, EMILIO O. RABASA, (WHO MAY BE REFERRED TO AS MR. SECRETARY) COMES FROM A FAMILY WELL-KNOWN FOR ITS COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC SERVICE. HIS GRANDFATHER, ALSO NAMED EMILIO, WAS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF CHIAPAS AND AN EMINENT JURIST, KNOWN AS THE FOREMOST AUTHORITY OF HIS TIME ON MEXICAN CONSTITUTIONAL LAW. THE SECRETARY'S FATHER, OSCAR RABASA, IS ALSO AN EMINENT LEGAL SCHOLAR WHOSE PUBLIC CAREER IN SEVERAL CABINET DEPARTMENT--INCLUDING THE SECRETARIAT OF FOREIGN RELATIONS -- HAS SPANNED HALF A CENTURY, AND WHO, IN HIS LATE 70'S REMAINS ACTIVE IN THE SERVICE OF HIS COUNTRY.

"THE SECRETARY HIMSELF WAS BORN IN MEXICO CITY ON JANUARY 23, 1925. HE OBTAINED HIS LAW DEGREE FROM THE NATIONAL AUTONOMOUS UNIVERSITY OF MEXICO IN 1948, AND IN 1956 WAS AWARDED A DOCTORATE IN LAW
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BY THE SAME INSTITUTION. HE SERVED AS A PROFESSOR

OF LAW AT THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY FOR MORE THAN 15 YEARS WHILE AT THE SAME TIME ACTIVELY PURSUING A GOVERNMENTAL CAREER IN VARIOUS AGENCIES AND MINISTRIES. HE SERVED BRIEFLY AS MEXICAN AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES BEFORE BEING APPOINTED TO THE CABINET OF PRESIDENT LUIS ECHEVERRIA AS FOREIGN SECRETARY. IN HIS PRESENT CAPACITY, SECRETARY RABASA HAS ACQUIRED A WORLD-WIDE REPUTATION AS AN INTELLIGENT AND VIGOROUS SPOKESMAN FOR HIS NATION, PLAYING A LEADING ROLE IN VARIOUS INTER-AMERICAN CONFERENCES AND PRESIDING OVER THE TLATELOLCO CONFERENCE OF THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE HEMISPHERE IN FEBRUARY OF THIS YEAR. HE HAS BEEN A LEADING PROPONENT OF THE MEXICAN PROPOSED CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES CURRENTLY BEING DEBATED AT THE U.N." JOVA

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